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SACRAMENTO UPDATE - STATUS OF COUNTY-SPONSORED LEGISLATION

This memorandum provides the status of legislative proposals for County sponsorship that the Sacramento advocates will be pursuing in the first year of the 2013-14 Legislative Session.

The deadline for bill introduction was Friday, February 22, 2013 and, as outlined below, eight proposals for County-sponsored legislation have been introduced. One proposal relating to the development of new voting systems is pending further discussion with the bill author to consider inclusion of County provisions.

Introduced County-Sponsored Legislation

AB 195 (Hall) - Extension of the Sunset Date for Design-Build Authority. As introduced on January 28, 2013, this bill would amend Section 20133 of the Public Contract Code to extend the existing sunset date for design-build authority granted to counties from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2020. This measure is currently pending hearing in the Assembly Committee on Local Government.

AB 246 (Bradford) - Amendment to the Brown Act. As introduced on February 6, 2013, this bill would authorize the legislative body of a local agency to hold closed session meetings with the Governor on matters posing a threat to the security of public buildings, a threat to the security of essential public services, or a threat to the

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public's right of access to public services or public facilities. This measure is currently pending hearing in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

AB 331 (Garcia) - Elections Consolidation. As introduced on February 13, 2013, this bill would require that elections consolidated with a Statewide or regularly scheduled county election be conducted under applicable State and Federal laws, including relevant county election procedures and practices. The bill also would require that local jurisdictions acknowledge in their resolution requesting election consolidation that the election be conducted pursuant to specified provisions required by this measure. This measure is currently pending referral to committee.

AB 506 (Mitchell) - Routine HIV Testing of Infants Placed in Foster Care. As introduced on February 20, 2013, this bill would allow a social worker to provide consent for an HIV test as a routine part of the initial medical examination for an infant under one year of age who is placed in foster care. This measure is currently pending referral to committee.

AB 512 (Rendon) - Licensing Exemptions for Volunteer Out-of-State Medical Practitioners. As introduced on February 20, 2013, this bill would extend the sunset date of County-sponsored AB 2699 (Chapter 270, Statutes of 2010), which provides exemptions from State licensing requirements for qualified out-of-State health care practitioners to provide short-term, volunteer medical and dental services, from January 1, 2014 to January 1, 2018. This measure is currently pending referral to committee.

AB 1065 (Holden) - Mentally Disordered Offenders. As introduced on February 22, 2013, this bill would require that a person released from State prison who has served a previous prison term during which they were designated a Mentally Disordered Offender or Mentally Disordered Sexual Offender be released to State parole supervision. This measure is currently pending referral to committee.

SB 184 (Committee on Governance and Finance) - Baldwin Hills Conservancy Governing Board Designee. As introduced on February 6, 2013, the Senate Committee on Governance and Finance's local government omnibus bill includes, among other provisions, a County-sponsored amendment to Section 32556 of the Public Resources Code to allow the seat on the Baldwin Hills Conservancy governing board that is designated for the Los Angeles County Supervisor within whose district the Conservancy is located to be filled by a designee of the Supervisor. This measure is currently pending hearing in the Senate Committee on Governance and Finance.

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SB 804 (Lara) - Definition of Conversion Technologies. As introduced on February 22, 2013, this bill would state the intent of the Legislature to examine the development of solid waste conversion technology facilities to manage residual solid waste that cannot feasibly be recycled or composted. This measure is currently pending referral to committee.

Other Pending County-Sponsored Legislation

Development of New Voting Systems - (Board Action February 12, 2013). The Sacramento advocates have been actively pursuing County-sponsored legislation that would allow the County to develop and pilot a new, improved voting system and specifically: 1) require a specified State certification and testing process for new voting systems; 2) allow local jurisdictions to pilot publicly-owned voting systems; and 3) allow Voting Modernization Funds to be used for the research and development of new voting systems.

The Sacramento advocates are currently working with Senator Padilla's office to include the County's provisions in one of his recently introduced bills. As introduced on February 20, 2013, **SB 360 (Padilla)** would assist counties to streamline the new voting system acquisition process and would allow a local jurisdiction to develop a new voting system prior to Federal certification provided that the system is certified before its use in an election.

In partnership with the Registrar-Recorder/County-Clerk, this office and the Sacramento advocates are working with the author's office to amend SB 360 to include the County's provisions. SB 360 is currently pending referral to a committee.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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